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POSSIBLE CHINESE MILITARY ACTIVITY
LAO CAI AREA, NORTH VIETNAM
2226N 10408E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS POSSIBLE CHINESE MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE LAO CAI AREA OF NORTH VIETNAM.

2. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY FROM [REDACTED] REVEALS TWO AREAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST, THE A YONG BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA [REDACTED] AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF ANOTHER AREA OF CHARACTERISTIC LONG AND SHORT TYPE SUPPORT/STORAGE BUILDINGS. AREAS 1 AND 2, THE A YONG BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA, LOCATED AT 2226N 10408E 10 NM SOUTHEAST OF LAO CAI AND 0.8 NM NORTHEAST OF ROUTE 4, SHOWS SIGNS OF INCREASED ACTIVITY. IN THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE CENTRAL BARRACKS AREA THE ACTIVITY CONSISTS OF NEW TRENCHING AND CLEARING OF WOODED AREAS. A PROBABLE MILITARY CAMP DISPERSED UNDER TREES APPEARS TO HAVE EXPANDED IN SIZE. THIS CAMP WAS REPORTED [REDACTED] TO CONTAIN 34 BUILDINGS. THIS ENTIRE AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 165 BUILDINGS. AREA 3 CONTAINS THE CHARACTERISTIC LONG AND SHORT TYPE SUPPORT/STORAGE BUILDINGS WHICH ARE LOCATED AT 2228N 10406E 7.5 NM SOUTHEAST OF LAO CAI AND CONNECTED TO ROUTE 4 BY A SERVICE ROAD 1.5 NM IN LENGTH.

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ADDITIONAL PROBABLE MILITARY ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED ALONG ROUTE 4 7.5 NM SOUTHEAST OF LAO CAI. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IS NOTED AT 2229N 10407E

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EIGHT NM SOUTHEAST OF LAO CAI. THIS AREA, IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO ROUTE 4, CONTAINS FORTY-SEVEN BUILDINGS AND A TRUCK PARK WITH HEAVY TRACKAGE NOTED. [REDACTED] REPORTED THIS AREA AS A CONSTRUCTION CAMP, HOWEVER, THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION APPEARS TO BE COMPLETE AND THE AREA STILL APPEARS ACTIVE SUGGESTING THAT THE AREA MAY BE USED AS A STORAGE/SUPPORT FACILITY.

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A SIMILAR AREA OF PROBABLE MILITARY ACTIVITY IS LOCATED 0.5 NM SOUTH OF THE AFOREMENTIONED AREA. IT WAS REPORTED AS A CONSTRUCTION/MILITARY FACILITY ON [REDACTED] SOME SIGNS OF INCREASED ACTIVITY ARE DISCERNIBLE.

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A PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED AREA LOCATED 1.3 NM SOUTH OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AREA APPEARS TO HAVE THE SAME MILITARY SIGNATURE AS THE OTHER REPORTED AREAS. CONTINUED ACTIVITY ALONG BOTH SIDES OF ROUTE 4 SOUTHEAST OF LAO CAI SUGGESTS A POSSIBLE BUILDUP ALONG MILITARY LINES RATHER THAN JUST ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

4. NOTE:

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARDS [REDACTED]

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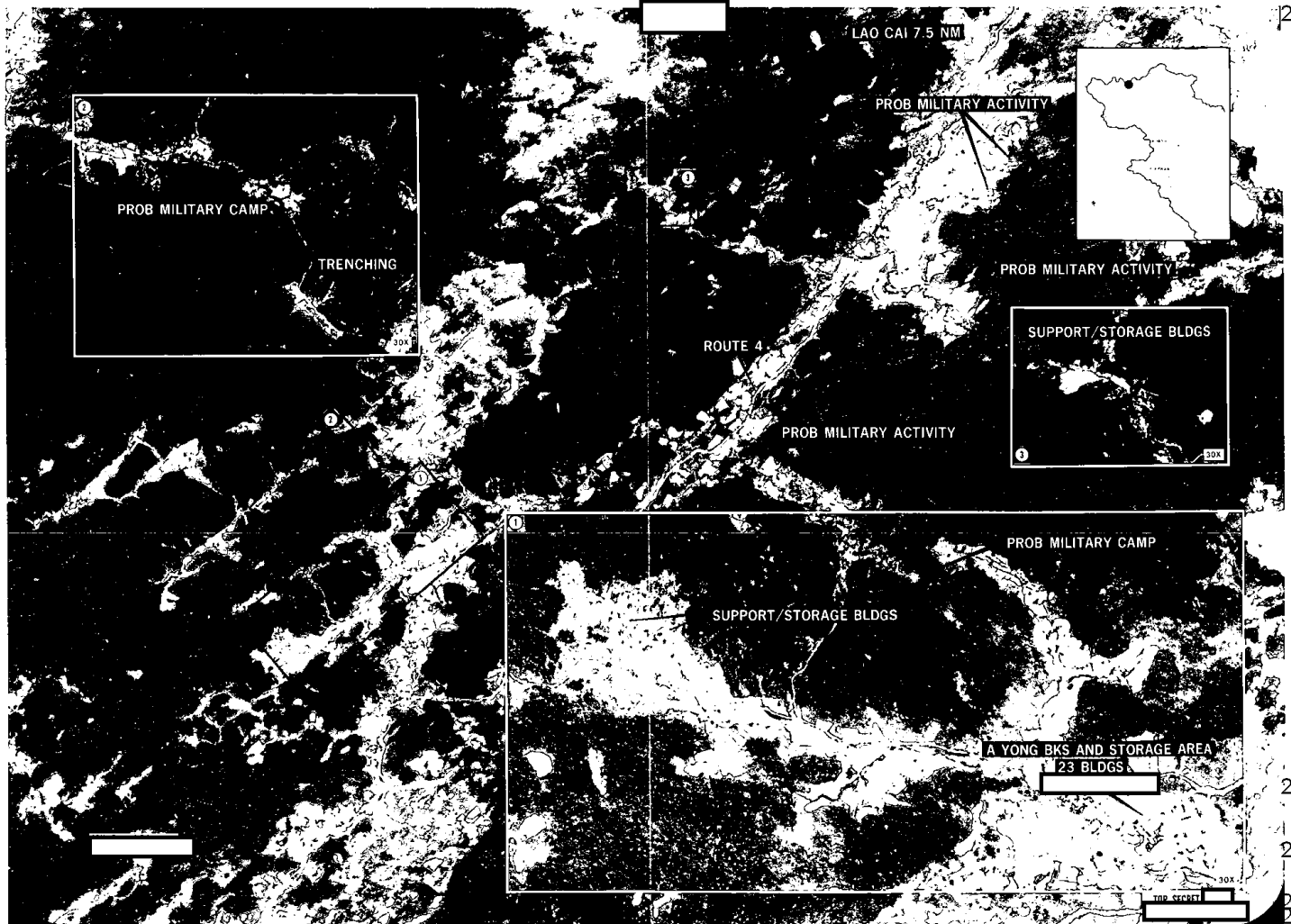
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